

Assessing Acceptability And Applicability of guidelines

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Definition

- Acceptability : extent to which the users are likely to adopt *
- * Adoption: Acceptance of a guideline as a whole after the assessment of its quality .
- When health providers adopt a guideline:
- Feel committed to change their practices in accordance with the recommendations of the guideline.

- **Applicability** : The extent to which the users are able to put the recommendation into practice

Applicability is sometimes taken as a synonym for feasibility:

- Feasibility of the acquisition of necessary skills and knowledge
- Feasibility of the necessary increase in provider time, staff, equipment, and so on.

Think in your group

- What are the important context variables when adapting guidelines

- Availability of health services
- Availability of expertise
- Availability of resources
- Organization of health services
- Population characteristics
- Population beliefs

Think and write down

- Based on these variables which question do you think is good for assessing the applicability and /or acceptability ?

- Does the population described for eligibility match the population to which the recommendation is targeted in the local setting (acceptable)?
- Does the intervention meet patient views and preferences in the context of use (acceptable)?

- Are the intervention and/or equipment available in the context of use (applicable)?
- Is the necessary expertise (knowledge and skills) available in the context of use (applicable)?
- Are there any constraints, organisational barriers, legislation, policies, and/or resources in the health care setting of use that would impede the implementation of the recommendation (applicable)?

- Is the recommendation compatible with the culture and values in the setting where it is to be used (acceptable and applicable)?
- Does the benefit to be gained from implementing this recommendation make it worth implementing (acceptable)?